



**GIRL GRADUATE . . .** Mrs. Melvin E. Gilmour (nee Betty Lou Locke) was graduated Sunday, Aug. 17, from Knapp's College of Nursing at Santa Barbara. She specialized in obstetrics and was president of her class. The 1948 graduate of Torrance High School attended El Camino College for one year, then received a three-year scholarship to Knapp's College. She took training at the Cottage Hospital there and will continue that work until September, when she will take board examinations to become a registered nurse. Mrs. Gilmour, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burt C. Locke, formerly of Torrance and now of Compton, was married to Melvin last Jan. 20 at Santa Barbara ceremonies. The couple are now making their home in that city.

## Success Scored By Second Annual Horse Show, Social

Winding up details on the highly successful second annual Philharmonic Benefit Horse Show and Box Stall Social, the Peninsula Committee for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, announced this week that it would turn "a sizable contribution" over to the Southern California Symphony Association.

The dual charity event closed Saturday with a junior horse show at the Portuguese Bend Riding Club. The social was held the preceding Saturday in the Mediterranean-style courtyard of the club.

Mrs. James De Silva, Palos Verdes Estates, chairman of the Peninsula Committee, said that income from the social, show entries, concessions and patron contributions had exceeded expectations.

Mary Henderson of Long Beach and Cecilia Harper of Pasadena were the only riders winning two events in the day-long horse show.

Miss Henderson, dominating Western competition, took cups and blue ribbons in stock horse and western horsemanship. Miss Harper topped the large field of flat saddle riders, winning in English horsemanship, hunter seat and hunter, hack seat.

A sister team and a brother and sister duo took cups home to the family trophy rooms.

Toni Gillian of Palos Verdes Estates won the five-gaited class, while her small sister, Patricia, rode off with first in English pleasure horses. Stephen and Anne Croddy of Santa Ana won respectively in Western horsemanship, 12 and under, and trail horse.

Other first-place winners were Megan Dryden, Palos Verdes Estates, English horsemanship, ten and under; Leslie Behnke, Pasadena, English horsemanship, hunter hack seat, 12 and under; Kenneth Nordstrom, Portuguese, novice jumpers; Melinda Montgomery, Glendale, English horsemanship, saddle seat, 12 and under; Judy Lakim, Palos Verdes Estates, Western pleasure horse.

Jacqueline Johnson, San Pedro, children's jumpers; Myra Moss, San Marino, hunters, any weight; Sonja Riches, Palos Verdes Estates, English horsemanship, saddle seat, 13 to 18; and Sandra Simpson, Beverly Hills, three-gaited class.

## Saddle Club Sets Shows

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 7, the Little Hills Saddle Club, 24300 Walnut Ave., Lomita, will present a series of three all-trophy horse shows. Grand entry is set for 12:30 p.m.

Fourteen events will be presented, with at least one new event featured each show.

Events will be all trophy, with ribbons awarded to third place. Special ribbons will be presented to all clubs with flags and banners.

There is no charge for the afternoon programs. Refreshments will be dispensed from the club house, "at a nominal cost," said President Mabel Harkness.

Jim Chapman, activity chairman, is in charge of the shows.

## Fall Classes Told By Compton Counselors

Varied program of fall classes will begin in September and October at the Compton Counseling Service, 1317 East Golden Ave., Compton, Leona Prudence, press chairman, announced.

"Designed to meet the many requests and needs of the public, the courses will stimulate interest in many facets of human relations," she said.

Course topics are Group Counseling, Depth Psychology, Remedial Reading, Speech Correction, Handwriting Analysis, Scientology, Dianetic Auditors Training, Self Development, About Your Inner Self, and About Yourself and Others.

A Parent-Child Clinic is slated for October. Further information may be obtained by calling Newmark 2-8812.

## SEPTEMBER DATES TOLD BY WSCS

September business sessions of several circles, Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church were announced this week by Mrs. M. D. Hiebert, publicity.

Circles One and Four will meet Tuesday, Sept. 2. Circle One session will begin at 12:30 p.m., with Mesdames J. S. McMullen and Thrall serving as hostesses. Circle Four will meet in the Women's Parlors of the church at 7:30 p.m. Hostesses will be Miss Eara Hague and Mrs. John Elwood.

Twelve-thirty p.m. luncheons are in store for members of Circles Two and Three Thursday, Sept. 4. Mrs. C. P. Olson, 2118 Arlington Ave., will be hostess to Circle Two, while Circle Three will meet at the home of Mrs. Earl P. Miller, 1304 Arlington Ave.

## 'NOW IS THE TIME' FOR ALL GARDENERS TO PLANT FOR FALL

"Fall and winter gardens can be just as colorful as spring and summer gardens, and the time to start planting them is now," advises Mrs. Wilfred Stevens, 1530 W. 214th St., who is vice president and program chairman for the Torrance Terrace Garden Club.

"WARM NIGHTS GOOD

"Plant your flowers now to give them the advantage of warm summer nights," said a garden enthusiast with the sparkling blue eyes. But, she cautions, be sure to work plenty of humus in new beds you prepare at this time, and plant seedlings in light soil with good drainage.

Fall gardens have several advantages over those planted in spring and summer, Mrs. Stevens pointed out. Pests and diseases are less prevalent at this time, and less irrigation and cultivating are necessary.

Moreover, the list for fall and winter flowers one can start now is almost as long as the list for spring planting.

There are annuals such as Alyssum, calendula, Clarkia, cornflower, nasturtium, pansy, forget-me-not, snapdragon, phlox and sweet peas. There are perennials such as columbine, delphinium, hollyhock and agathe. There are bulbs, including anemone, calla, freesia, ranunculus, crocus, daffodil, iris and day lily.

**HAVE QUICK COLOR**

And for quick color, there are marigolds, zinnias, amaranthus, salvia, carnations and single asters.

"You can have sweet peas for Christmas if you sow seeds of early flowering varieties now," said Mrs. Stevens. "Do not sow the spring flowering type, for even if planted now they will not bloom until spring."

Tried-and-true recipe for sweet pea planting is as follows:

Set a south exposure that catches winter sun. Dig a deep trench, digging in compost or well-rotted manure in the bottom. Fill with top soil. Soak thoroughly to settle the soil. Apply lindane or chlorodane to prevent soil pests. Sow seeds 1 inch deep in light soil (½ inch deep in heavy soil). Sow three seeds every two feet and thin out later. Don't crowd plants; allow plenty of space to let in sunlight and air. To play safe and foil birds, snails, and slugs, start plants in 2-inch pots and set out when about 4 inches tall.

"Make cuttings for geraniums now," Mrs. Stevens advised. "Let them wilt a few days before putting them in rooting medium to reduce the possibility of rot. Use well-ripened wood."

To get the most out of your fall blooms, keep up the routine of daily watering, remove dead flowers to prevent them from weakening plants by going to seed, and consistently control pests and diseases.

**MULCH NEEDED**

Mulch with peat moss (to cut down water bills) all through flower beds as well as around shrubs. Spray bushes frequently with fine spray from the hose to control red spider.

It is important to withhold water from exotic trees and shrubs to harden them for winter.

Remove crab grass from lawns, resow bare spots, and keep moist. Now is the time to prepare beds for new lawns.

Use a multi-purpose spray or dust on roses bi-weekly to guard against aphids, caterpillars and leaf hoppers. Prune lightly for more continued bloom and give a last feeding to stimulate late bloom.

**DISBUD DAHLIAS**

If you have dahlias, disbud them at least once a week and cut plenty of flowers for the house to encourage new growth. Preserve all leaf buds and remove unwanted flower buds.

Chrysanthemums can use seedlings regularly until buds begin to show color. Keep plants tied up and snap off excess buds, leaving only one or two on each stem.

"Cut back petunias, shasta daisies, delphiniums, verbenas and other perennials rather severely and you will enjoy an encore of blooms for several more months," smiled the plant lover.

**COLOR IMPORTANT**

A good gardener will arrange his beds with an eye for color, emphasized Mrs. Stevens.

"You might fill one bed with cherry rose snapdragons, white stock, rose pink pansies, Blunlsalp or combine mixed yellow or orange Iceland poppies, yellow tulips, and yellow and white pansies or violas. Or try any calendula with an edging of Alyssum Carpet of snow. Or, for a dramatic contrast, white snapdragons, scarlet stock and white pansies or violas.

**LEARN BY DOING**

Mrs. Stevens gleaned a lot of her knowledge about flowers from popular garden magazines, but a great deal is learned, too, from practical experience.

"Anyone can garden, if they try," she said. However, she advised that the beginner concentrate on nursery-started plants and annuals.

"Annuals grow quickly and give good color, so you don't have to exhaust your patience waiting to see what you've accomplished," she said.

**GARDENS ACTIVELY**

Mrs. Stevens has been actively interested in gardening for the past two and a half years. Mostly her interest came from a "desire to have a nice yard," she said.

Impulse rather than logic rules Mrs. Stevens' garden plans. "I usually plant what strikes my fancy, since I prefer informal rather than formal gardens," she said. At present, she is concentrating heavily on fuchsias and dahlias.

But the field is wide open; it's a lot of fun, and anyone can do it — that is Mrs. Stevens' philosophy of "Green Thumb" work.

**Visit Yosemite, Bay Area**

Just returned from a vacation to Yosemite, San Francisco, and other cities in the Bay region are Messrs. and Mesdames Merle Richardson and son, Tommy, 22903 Cabrillo Ave., and E. E. Clayton and son, Ricky, 1020 Crenshaw Blvd.

While in San Jose, they visited former Torrance residents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith. Mr. Smith was assistant manager of the J. C. Penney store here.



**GREEN THUMB GAL . . .** Mrs. Wilfred Stevens, vice president and program chairman of the Torrance Terrace Garden Club is taking to her heart her own advice of starting fall gardens now. She is shown in the back yard of her W. 214th St. home as she prepares, trowel in hand, to transplant a camellia from lathouse pot to outdoor soil.

# The Social World

AGNES BOLTER, Editor

**Sally Collins Is Bride-to-be**

Eyecatching poster engraved with Sally and Eddie and decorated with diamond rings and wedding bands told the engage-



**SALLY ANNE COLLINS . . .** announces engagement

ment of Sally Anne Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Collins, 17025 Crenshaw Blvd., and Edward H. Von Behren of St. Louis, Mo.

About 60 relatives and friends gathered at the openhouse affair at the Collins home Sunday, Aug. 17, to hear announcement of the romantic news.

Miss Collins will be a senior at Torrance High School this September. Von Behren was recently discharged from the U.S. Air Force and is employed at Douglas Air Craft Co.

No date has been set for the wedding.

**Enjoy Crestline Holiday**

Vacationing at Crestline this week are Mrs. Carl D. Steele, 1320 Cota Ave., and her daughter, Mrs. Maxine Jensen. Mr. Temple Menorah Sistehood fall social activities.

Autumn affair is slated for Sept. 9 at the home of Mrs. Marie Mohr, 215 Camino del Campo, Hollywood Riviera. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Ann Wallace, chairman, at Frontier 5-2414.

Sisterhood has also selected Nov. 30 as the date for their bazaar.

**SISTERHOOD SLATES SEPTEMBER SOCIAL**

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**Navy Chief Is Home**

Home from the Pacific this week is Chief Petty Officer N. P. Giaguinto, 2228 Gramercy Ave. The naval officer has been stationed on the U.S.S. Sandoval for the past six months. He will be home on leave for 20 days.

## Western Note To Hit Sing

"Stars of Tomorrow," a professional group of western performers known throughout the harbor area, will be featured at tomorrow night's weekly Harbor City Sing, to be held at 7:45 at the Harbor City School auditorium.

Presented by Sally Green, the group includes stars of stage, screen, radio, and television. Featured performers will be Buddy Jack and Phyllis Green, Crystal record singing stars.

Little Checkie Green and Pat Kent, western yodelers and starlets, also will appear on the program.

Presenting trumpet and accordion specialties will be Toby Graham, Freddie Noonan, and Dean Clark. The Gates Kid's Trio, composed of Tommy, Jackie, and Mary Ann, also will do several numbers.

Other program stars will be Dave Ring, Smokey Riser, Bill Turner, and Arnold Babbitt.



**PISTOL-PACKING MAMA . . .** Phyllis Green, talented Los Angeles singer and dancer is one of an array of teenage stars of motion pictures, television, stage and radio who will appear at the Harbor City Community Sing tomorrow night at the Harbor City Elementary School auditorium. Program will begin at 7:45 o'clock.

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